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Webinar 3 – "Expungement and Indian Country: The Need to Address Past Criminal Histories for a Better Future"

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Convictions for relatively minor crimes carry a sentence far beyond the initial fines and imprisonment. Indian people who have served their time and had no further justice system issues still find themselves unable to seek gainful employment, housing, and educational opportunities due to past crimes. Expungement of the criminal record creates a holistic opportunity for Indian people to gain a new start in life and to seek a rapport with their past mistakes.

This webinar will explain the work that Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) has been doing to approach the expungement issue. The session will explain the law regarding expungement, the benefits that expungement offers, and the most effective practices in seeking expungement. The webinar will last approximately one and a half hours, and will offer participants an opportunity to address any questions they may have.

Presenters:

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- **C. Steven Hager**, Director of Litigation at OILS
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Moderators:

- A. Nikki Borchardt Campbell, Program Administrator, NAICJA
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